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1. In spring 1952, while sailing in the Black Sea toward the Soviet port at Poti on the FRIEDRICH ENGELS, [] the Soviets were looking for off-shore oil sites in the vicinity of Poti harbor. As the ship approached the harbor, the outline of four oil derricks was observed at a distance of 5 to 10 km. north of Poti harbor; however, from that distance, it could not be determined whether the drills were installed on the shore line or in the sea. This was the only occasion [] of the existence of off-shore oil drilling activities in the USSR or the Satellites. 25X1
2. In June 1954 while traveling by train from Constanta to Bucharest, [] observed a large cement plant as the train passed the town of Medgidia (N 44-15, E 28-17). Although [] could not pinpoint the plant on a map [] it was located north of the railroad line and east of Medgidia. Three large furnaces were observed. [] only one was then in operation because the other two had not been fully completed. [] the existence of this plant, which was supposed to be the largest of its kind in Rumania [] had been built as a result of a Soviet demand for cement to be used for construction. 25X1

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